



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Probation



Date: September 9, 2015
Board Meeting Date: October 20, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer

Subject: Agreement with El Centro de Libertad to Provide Alcohol and Drug Treatment, Parent Education Sessions, and School-Based Early Intervention

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with El Centro de Libertad to provide alcohol and drug treatment, parent education sessions, and school-based early intervention for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$173,535.

BACKGROUND:

The State has allocated money from the Juvenile Probation and Camps Funding (JPCF) to fund services and programs for prevention/early intervention for those in custody in juvenile halls, camps and ranches.

In January of 2011 a Local Action Plan (LAP) was developed which is in effect for five (5) years. The LAP planning process resulted in the identification of a core set of strategies to address needs of youth and their families including: an emphasis on early intervention; addressing the needs of both youth and their families; using practices that are recognized evidence-based models; understanding and addressing system barriers; addressing the needs of underserved groups or groups over-represented in the Juvenile Justice System; and setting clear outcomes for funded programs/strategies and plan for their assessment.

In 2011, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to establish contracts to provide these services. In April of 2011, El Centro de Libertad was one (1) of the five (5) programs selected through this RFP process to provide services to youth in San Mateo County. Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2015, El Centro de Libertad provided school-based prevention intervention of alcohol and drugs to at-risk youth in San Mateo County with funding through the JPCF.

In 2015, a second RFP was issued to establish contracts to continue these services. In April of 2015, El Centro de Libertad was one (1) of the four (4) programs selected through the RFP process to continue to provide services to at-risk youth in San Mateo County between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017 with funding through the JPCF.

DISCUSSION:

Through this agreement, El Centro de Libertad, will provide alcohol and drug treatment, parent education sessions, and school-based early intervention. Contractor shall provide services using the philosophy of Youth Asset Development and other evidence-based practices. Based on the Contractor's assessment of the referred youth, Contractor will strive toward both short- and long-term outcomes demonstrating program effectiveness with clients served.

School services shall be provided at the Half Moon Bay location of El Centro de Libertad -Coastal Outpatient Treatment Center; Cunha Middle School, Half Moon Bay; Pilarcitos High School, Half Moon Bay; and Gateway Community School, San Mateo.

The contractors have assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits.

The Probation Department requests that the Chief Probation Officer or his designee be granted authorization to execute contract amendments that modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by helping youth reduce destructive and criminal behavior. With proper mentoring, the targeted at-risk youth can better participate in their education and contribute positively to their communities.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Target	FY 2016-17 Target
Youth will demonstrate greater connection to and engagement in school in at least one of the following areas: Positive friends at school, a positive adult at school to turn to, involvement in pro-social school activities, decreased absences and/or decreased partial/whole day truancy	80%	80%

Youth will demonstrate Increased Developmental Assets in at least one of the following areas: Positive values (decision making, understanding, consequences), empowerment appropriate boundaries constructive (pro-social) use of free time, belief and hope in the future and/or optimistic positive peer relationships	80%	80%
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Probation Department has secured \$173,535 for El Centro de Libertad, from the California State JPCF Fund to support this Agreement for two (2) years. The funds have been included in the Probation Department's FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 Adopted Budgets. There is no net county cost.